



GOD'S LOVE

A NEW YEAR PRAYER

By Vera Baldree

Help us, dear Lord, to strive each day
 To lend a helping hand,
 And may we not severely judge—
 We may not understand.
 Though it may be we don't approve
 Of someone's careless life,
 Help us, dear Lord, to kindly speak
 And not to bring up strife.
 Help us, dear Lord, to just forget
 The things in days gone by,
 That caused someone to lonely be
 And brought a tear, a sigh.
 Fill our hearts with love, pure love;
 May we a blessing be,
 To all we meet along the way,
 Yes, whether bond or free.
 If there are those who're cast aside
 For some mistake they've made,
 Help us to take them to our hearts
 And not to judge, upbraid.
 May we throughout the coming year
 Be each a ray of light,
 To shine upon some wanderer's path
 And change the wrong to right.

THE GROUND OF

"... to be ready to every good work, to speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men," Titus 3:1, 2.

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NOTES From My LETTERS

By
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General Overseer

Well, here it is Christmas week and the end of the year will soon be here. I am enclosing my reports. We show the highest tithes as reported by our clerk since my coming into this territory. This is partly because the North Portal church has come under our jurisdiction.

We feel that we have had a fine beginning of school here in Moose Jaw. The students are doing nicely. Two came unsaved but gave their hearts to the Lord in our first Sunday night meeting. Brother McLuhan and Brother and Sister Savchenko are helping us with the work.

We have purchased a house here in Moose Jaw. It is quite a ways from the school but is the best we could do at the time. I have made arrangements so that I can now stay with my family and car and household goods in Canada indefinitely. This will eliminate that worry as to whether or not we shall outwear our welcome here in Canada with the immigration authorities. It isn't necessary now for us to have periodic permits.—William Pospisil, overseer of West Canada.

Here are a few words to give you a check of the high lights of some things that are going on here in the State.

The first Sunday in December we raised \$2,100 in Macon to pay on their obligations. They have only sixty-four members. The third Sunday in December we raised \$1,063 at Buford. They are beginning a new brick church the first of the year. We have a solid brick church just about completed in Bremen, Georgia. This is one of our new churches organized last year. We have another solid brick church going up in Bainbridge now. Columbia has bought a nice lot in one of the best sections of the city, at a price of \$840. They raised it all in one day. They also have a daily broadcast and are planning to begin a brick building soon. The Odum church has bought a new parsonage

Paper Rationing

During 1942 the Publishing House processed 158 tons of book paper, which amount was reduced ten per cent by OPA during 1943, plus an extra five per cent during the last quarter of the year, leaving us only 140 tons which we could lawfully process. The increase of the Lighted Pathway from 40,000 copies to 60,000 copies each issue, and an increase of the Evangel from about 20,000 copies weekly to an average of 27,500 copies each issue, plus additional increase in Sunday School literature, called for an increase of above thirty tons of paper to maintain these publications. The reduction effected by OPA of eighteen tons added to the above required amount, necessitated an increase of forty-eight or more tons of paper for the year 1943. First: To meet these requirements we reduced the Lighted Pathway to twenty pages, which effected a saving of about twenty-nine tons annually. We were forced to do this or to reduce the number of its publications to not more than 30,000 of each issue of the 36-page editions. We would have also been forced to cut the Evangel to about 18,000 of each weekly issue. Second: We adopted the use of 40-pound basic weight paper instead of the former 45-pound basic weight. This change resulted in a saving of about sixteen tons annually by means of a stretch-out in tonnage. Third: We changed to a sheet size of 22x34 instead of 24x36, which also resulted in an economic saving of about nineteen tons of paper. These changes resulted in a total saving of about sixty-four tons of paper annually. After deduction of the forty-eight tons required, we will have a margin of sixteen tons left to meet further reductions now forecast by OPA.

The 22x34 sheet size now used in the Evangel and Sunday School literature caused a slight reduction of print, however less than one page in the Evangel or Lighted Pathway, which will soon be published on this sheet size. The reductions in each item was largely a trimming of margins. As early as possible these publications will all be printed in the larger forms as before the reduction. The Teachers' Quarterly, in all future issues, will be maintained at about eighty pages. Pulp mills are now supplying about sixty per cent to paper mills in the United States. This means that they can later supply only 60 per cent of previous paper. England is said to be getting along on 37 per cent of prewar requirements, while her supply is cut off from Finland. Her present supply is said to be made from grass shipped from North Africa in glass bottles. We appreciate your patience in these times of misfortune. This is war. We need and ask for your prayers. Probably we are happy and do not know it.—Managing Editor.

recently, and the Riverside church is about wrapped with the best of face brick, and when it is finished inside, you will hardly know the old building. Grant Park, our new church here in Atlanta, has just purchased a building, which cost \$17,800 to build in normal times, for \$5,000; and last week they raised more than \$1,200 on it. Brother Phillips preached for them. Brother Phillips also conducted a week's meeting on the South Side and helped them raise the last of their \$3,000 remodeling fund. Tifton church is finishing one of the nicest little frame churches in South Georgia. We have the brick on the ground to begin a new church in Cornelia. This is one of our new churches organized last year. Hogansville has the brick on the ground to brick veneer their parsonage.

Today, December 20, we finished our \$12,300 state budget. Incidentally, this same day in the year we finished raising our \$1 per member last year.

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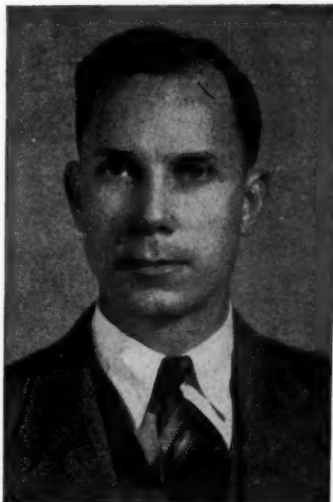
A Message to the Ministry

INTRODUCTION: The call to the ministry is the greatest call to mankind. It is written, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things," Rom. 10:15. The work of the ministry is a broad phase of the will of God to man. It is His will that all men everywhere hear the message of His Son. In order for them to hear the gospel, He has selected men of a strong heart and unwavering faith to preach it. To perform the job of a preacher of the gospel of Christ it takes more than a weakling or unstable person. A man that will adhere to the simple truth and preach it as it is written with power and demonstration of the Spirit, that the people may have a knowledge of the Word of God rather than the knowledge of the minister, is a chosen gospel bearer.

RANKS OF THE MINISTRY

The Bible sets forth three ranks of the ministry: 1. The evangelist, for the work of the ministry. 2. The pastor, for the edifying of the body (Church) of Christ. 3. The teacher, for the perfection of the saints. This ministry is to continue until the body is come into the unity of the faith, unto the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man. Each rank has its duty and place to fill. The evangelist is for the work of the ministry, evangelistic work. All ministerial duty is work, but a pleasant activity to those who have the anointing. But all have not the same office, Rom. 12:4. God set them in the church as it pleased Him. 1 Cor. 12:18. We are to abide in our calling wherein we were called, 1 Cor. 7:20. If your calling is into the evangelistic field and you are pastoring, you are out of the setting that God placed you in when He called you. You may be doing very well in pastoral work, but you are out of your calling just the same. Your duty is to go into the needy fields among the lost and damned and tell them the story of Christ that they may be saved. You say, "Why not the other ministers go also?" Jesus told Peter regarding what John was to do, "What is that to you, if he tarry till I come? Feed my sheep." God gave you the message to the lost and if you fail, that section of His work will be left

By CLYDE C. COX
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undone. Millions are starving for the bread of life, why not go unto them and break it for the dying, lost souls. We must prove ourselves as good ministers of Jesus Christ.

The pastor has his calling, too. Many a good pastor is crowded out from pastoral duties by some good, Holy-Ghost-filled, firebrand, soul-stirring evangelist giving up his calling to receive better pay, have a home for his family, and a nice car. That is all needful and should be considered, but the kingdom of God comes first—God first, the lost man second, and ourself last. A good minister has long since denied himself and taken up his cross, but so many have gone back to those things we denied. Good pastors have given up their pastorate to work at a good war-paying job. My fellow-ministers, you will be the loser. I know of ministers who gave up their churches for some of those jobs and with the good salaries they receive they are found broke and in dire need. God has promised to care for those who serve Him.

God knows we need more good teachers. "Teach us thy way, that we may know thee, O Lord." We are confronted now with problems that only good teachers will solve. When we exclude teaching from our churches, we

soon leave perfection or the standard we have achieved toward perfection. Our teachers of today face a problem in teaching in the churches. They are not desired any more. We want a shouting and jumping preacher; yes, some have jumped until they are entirely out of harmony with the Church and Bible. No one believes in the old-time power more than I, but we must have those God-sent teachers in our rank of the ministry too. We should take time to heed the things which we hear lest we fall from our steadfastness.

QUALIFICATION

First, we must be sure we are called into the ministry. Second, be sure we know to what office we are called and anointed to perform. Third, we should consider our ability to fill the office properly. Paul admonished Timothy to be an able minister, and his advice to him was, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," 2 Tim. 2:15. You should not refrain from the truth but know how to present it without confusing the minds of your hearers. "My people are destroyed for the lack of knowledge," Hos. 4:6. "I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." Jer. 3:15.

THE MESSAGE

The minister's message is worthy of consideration. Some time should be spent in study and prayer for spiritual guidance. The ministry of today is by far behind on the study of the Word. You can see the need of more prayer and study among the ministry. The hour and place you are to speak are to be considered also, that your message may be timely and interesting as well as spiritual and educational. It is true that we are to preach the Word in and out of season, but never out of reasoning. An appropriate message of the need of the hour is much easier to deliver than one that should be preached to the dead. A sermon on tithing is surely in order, but it wouldn't be very touching the first evening of your revival. Men are to seek the kingdom of God first and

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Religion and the World

BY THE EDITOR

Unity of Faith and Peoples

"The Carolina Israelite" is the name of a new magazine undertaking the responsibility to promote better understanding between Christian and Jewish faiths. These efforts to unify supposed religious people, and to unite this group and that group of people are doubtless to be commended; however, let it be said here again that the only real solution to such issues lies in the acceptance of the gospel of Jesus Christ. For those who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, the gospel has "broken down the middle wall of partition" and has resultantly "made both one." The truth and the spirit of the gospel can "reconcile" traditional views and harmonize human beings into a glorious and triumphant society of Christian believers, imparting unto each and every one of them a peculiar and special love for each other as a new creation in Christ. If it is done this way it will last; if not, it will prove to be so much political time and effort wasted.

Church Resistance in Germany

Stockholm reports through RNS that there is "growing opposition to Nazi terrorism among Christian believers in Germany." Strong collaboration is reported between Protestants and Catholics in forming against Nazi-religious measures. Controversy seems to be arising within the German state relative to the indifference of the Nazi in church affairs. The persecution of Jews is a main point of controversy.

Teasing Children

Many times we have children who tease; we more often, however, have children who have been teased. Recently Cornell's L. Pearl Gardner wrote in the *Journal of Genetic Psychology* in which she reported on "interviews with 300 fathers aged between 20 and 79, of whom 48 per cent admitted that they teased children under six. They cited 151 ways of teasing.

"Thirty-one per cent of the teasing was by poking, punching, pulling curls, tweaking pigtails, tickling, rubbing whiskers.

"Twenty-seven per cent (including snatching) involved papa's joy in being big.

"Fifteen per cent consisted of paternal lies (tall stories); another fifteen per cent played on the child's fear (of bears, burglars, being dropped, being deserted, etc.).

"Thirteen per cent involved ridicule (reference to defects, plumpness, freckles, snub nose, etc.).

"Researcher Gardner warned that such teasing not only makes children unhappy; it also lays a basis for 'inferiority, social timidity and temper tantrums.'"

A mean and bad disposition comes from such teasings as have been treated here. Parents know this and others should know it.

Jewish Part of Paris Dead City

LONDON, (JTA)—The Jewish quarter of Paris now resembles a "dead city," according to an eyewitness account given the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by a Frenchman who has just arrived here. The former residents have either fled to other parts of the city or to the rural districts to escape arrest, he said.

Describing a visit he made to the section of the city extending from the Hotel de Ville to the Place de la Republique, whose narrow streets formerly housed thousands of Jewish homes and shops, the JTA informant said that he met only occasionally passers-by and they were usually not Jewish. Most of the stores owned by Jews are shut, he disclosed, while those that remain open are operated by "Aryans." Jewish-owned factories which manufactured peace-time needs are closed.

The Jews remaining in the neighborhood stay off the streets as much as possible, he added, leaving their homes only to go to work. The streets are constantly patrolled by German police and French gendarmes. Many of the apartments in which Jews formerly dwelt have been taken over by German officers, he revealed, although a large number are being guarded by friendly concierges who are protecting the property for the Jewish owners who they hope will

soon be enabled to return.

The German occupational authorities are now rounding up large numbers of Jews throughout the country in a manner which is provoking indignation even among high officials of the Vichy government. Hundreds of Jews have "disappeared" without anybody knowing their whereabouts.—*Calif. Jewish Voice.*

A "Funny" Mistake

A prominent Southern newspaper carried a notice which read, "Do not think your newsboy has made a mistake when you find your comic sections consist of only eight pages instead of twelve as usual," etc. Reference was made to the paper rationing as being the cause. I am of the opinion that there is a "mistake" that the other eight pages were not also left out.

Time To Build

Solomon, in Eccl. 3:3, makes mention of a "time to build up." There will be a postwar building program, involving many great programs of expansion, for such extension plans are now being made. Church congregations cannot now build to any great extent. They can, however, "gather stones," Eccl. 3:5, for a postwar building program. Unless churches which need buildings and improvements, either buy them now or gather funds during this time of plenty of money, it will be much harder for them to exist after the war. The minister who overlooks the need of planning for and acquiring properties for local churches to exist permanently, may see the results of his ministry blown to the wind. The minister who erects or purchases buildings for the church to continue after he has passed on, will leave his tracks behind him and will also live longer in the lives of his people after he has gone elsewhere or to his reward. Buy a church building! Erect a church building. Gather money for the erection of a church building after the war! Do it now.

Bibles Given to War Prisoners

According to *Sunday News*, the American Bible Society has given 23,000 Bibles to Japanese, German, and Italian prisoners, 65,000 to French prisoners in Germany, 59,000 to British prisoners in Germany, and 286,000 copies of a Russian translation of the Bible to Russian prisoners in Germany.

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Your Bedfellow

By A. V. BEAUBE

"David's heart smote him," 1 Sam. 24:5.

HOW do you do, Evangel readers? I would like to talk to you about the person with whom you must sleep every night of your life. Strange to say, this fellow seems to be well acquainted with you and all that you do or say. He even knows what you think and why you act like you do. He is so powerful he either excuses or accuses you for each deed.

I know you are interested to know just who this gentleman is, so I am going to tell you his name without further delay. He is: MR. CONSCIENCE.

"Conscience is the inborn sense of right and wrong, the moral law written on our hearts which judges the moral character of our motives and actions, and approves or censures, condemns or justifies us accordingly." Rom. 2:15. "This universal tribunal is established in the breast of every man, even the heathen. It may be weakened, perverted, stupefied, defiled, and hardened in various ways, and its decisions are more or less clear, just, and imperative according to the degree of moral culture."—*Schoff*.

It might well be called the "alarm clock of the soul."

This is why "David's heart smote him," after he had cut off Saul's skirt. If the reader will open his Bible to the 24th chapter of the first book of Samuel and begin reading at the first verse, he will find that Saul, a man from whom God had departed because of his disobedience and who was very jealous of God's man, had gone out to seek the life of David.

David's men reminded him that God had promised to deliver his enemies unto his hands and assured him that this was the opportune time. David ventured far enough to cut off his skirt. He could have taken Saul's life and have been right in the judgment of men, but there was something inside of him that spoke out in a tone of thunder. It is about this powerful something that I wish to speak.

1. A GOOD CONSCIENCE

In Acts 23:1 we read, "And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said,

Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day."

The high priest, believing that he had made a false statement, for it is hard for men who do not have God in their hearts to understand how any man can have a good conscience, especially after suffering wrongfully, commanded those who stood near to smite him in the mouth, but this man of God had a pure conscience.

It may be possible that some will misunderstand, but there is one who bears witness. Romans 9:1, "I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost."

"Therefore let us sanctify the Lord God in our hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh us a reason of the hope that is in us with meekness and fear: Having a good conscience: that, whereas they speak evil of us, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse our conversation in Christ."

2. AN EVIL CONSCIENCE

As I write I realize there are many who do not have that "good conscience," so I will endeavor to show what a guilty conscience will do for you. Think of poor Judas Iscariot! As far as the world was concerned he had done a noble deed. No doubt everyone praised him for his betrayal of the Master. But remember, he had *had to sleep with a man* (if he had any sleep) who knew the truth and who understood all about why Judas had committed this terrible crime. This man's conscience accused him all night. Results: A miserable night, and, Matt. 27:1-5, "When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: And when they had bound him they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor. Then, Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed innocent blood.

And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed and went and hanged himself."

When the Jews were in captivity and Belshazzar had made a feast to thousands, while drinking from vessels they had taken from the house of God, something happened — God's hand began to write out his doom. Belshazzar's *countenance fell*. Something inside spoke and he knew his time had come. Many years later the hand of our blessed Lord wrote on the ground, while some sinful men who had brought a poor condemned woman to Him, hoping to stone her, went out, single file, after He had asked the one without sin to cast the first stone. "A *guilty conscience needs no accuser*."

3. HOW FAR ONE SHOULD FOLLOW HIS CONSCIENCE

1 Tim. 4:1-2, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils: Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron."

When a man with a live conscience first commits an offense, he feels something in his mind and heart correcting him. If he goes on and participates in this evil his conscience will accuse him and he will have a hard time *sleeping with this bedfellow*. If he goes on in these practices his conscience becomes seared and, since the Bible speaks of a dead conscience, I suppose it is possible to kill this accusing party.

We can whip the ox in one place until he can hardly feel our whip touch him there, as the hide is so tough. So is the conscience. We may follow him as long as he is wide awake, he will teach us right, but when he is seared or dead he may let us go wrong or *sleep on in our sin*.

4. WHAT CAN BE DONE?

Many precious souls wake up at some time in life to find that they have said "No" to God and right so many times that their conscience allows them to say "No" right on. They have a desire to turn their feet to the path of righteousness, but they have lost the way. What shall they do?

Since they are afraid to follow conscience any longer, I would suggest that they take the Bible route. When Peter's heart smote him, "He went out

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Our Greatest Need

By A. H. BATTS

Text, St. John 4:23, "... true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

BY THIS TEXT we see that spiritual worshippers are so few that the Father has gone in search for them. He also states that all who worship Him must be in spirit and according to truth. And we see that spiritual service is a mark of distinction between the true and false worshippers. Remember the subject is "OUR GREATEST NEED." Not your need, nor my need, but our need. Not a need, nor one need, but GREATEST need.

Some of you will, no doubt, disagree with me when I say our greatest need is the Holy Spirit. Yes, I believe "He" can solve all our problems in the world, nation, church, home and in our own lives. Some in the world would say our greatest need is more bombs, larger ships, and faster planes, while many in the church will say our greatest need is education, trained singers and finer musical programs. But we have all these things and the Father is still searching for spiritual worshippers, men and women who will be led by God's Spirit and who will abide by His truth. The Spirit convicts, John 16:8. The Spirit saves, John 3:3 (born of the Spirit). The Spirit sanctifies, Rom. 15:16; 2 Thess. 2:11. He comes into our body, 1 Cor. 6:19 (filled or baptized). He teaches, John 14:26. He will guide you, John 16:13. He will comfort you, John 14:16.

UNITY

With this world torn like it is and the people of God divided, some will surely say UNITY is our greatest need. And I will agree we do need better harmony among all people today, but, remember, UNITY is of the Spirit. Eph. 4:3,13, "Endeavouring to keep unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Till we all come . . . unto a perfect man . . ."

1 Cor. 12:13, "For by one SPIRIT are we all baptized (directed, led or brought) into one body." Jesus had

the same thing in mind when He said the SPIRIT would lead (guide or direct) you into ALL truth. The Spirit leads into all truth. If I follow the Spirit into all truth and you follow Him into all truth, we will both be one in Christ.

LOVE

Did you say love is our greatest need? Well, by love we prove to the world we are the disciples of Christ. The world is dying, I mean is dead, for the lack of real divine love. We are agreed that we need love today more than ever before. Well, just remember, love is of the Spirit. Gal. 5:22, "But the fruit of the SPIRIT is love . . ." Romans 5:5, "... the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost . . ." O God, give us your Spirit that we may have unity and love.

PRAYER

Yes, we need more prayers, but unless we pray in the Spirit our prayers are fruitless. Rom. 8:26,27, "For we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the SPIRIT maketh intercession for us . . . according to the will of God." Jude 20, "Building up yourselves, . . . praying in the HOLY GHOST." 1 Cor. 14:15, "I will pray with the SPIRIT, and I will pray with the understanding also." Prayer is hard work and avails very little until we enter in the SPIRIT; then we seem to get our elbows on the Father's knees, looking right into His face with tears flowing down our cheeks. Some of you know what I mean. O Lord, send thy Spirit so we can pray that effectual, fervent prayer that availeth much.

POWER

Yes, power is one of the crying needs of the day. Everywhere you go you hear people crying, "We need more power with God." Well, try the Spirit once. We have tried nearly everything else and failed. Acts 1:8, "Ye SHALL RECEIVE POWER, AFTER THAT THE HOLY GHOST is come upon you." Rom. 15:13, "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may ABOUND in hope, through the POWER of the HOLY GHOST." 2 Tim. 1:7, "For God has not given us the spirit of fear,

but of POWER, and of love, and of a sound mind." Here we see that the Spirit destroys fear and gives us power, love and a sound mind. While some testify to being low in the Spirit, Paul said God poured the Spirit upon him ABUNDANTLY and made him MORE than a CONQUEROR through Him who loved us; yes, more than a conqueror. When I think of this, I think of David, who, through the power of the Spirit, killed the giant with one stone and had enough left to kill four more devils. Lord, send the POWER, I mean the Spirit. "Not by power, nor by might, saith the Lord, but by my Spirit."

ABLE MINISTRY

One may have every degree that can be conferred upon a man, with sideboards on his vocabulary, and be an orator like Tertullus, speaking fluently as a nightingale can sing, but without the Spirit of God he cannot answer the call. One may be able with good words and fair speeches to deceive the heart of the simple, but he will be found in the sight of God as a dumb dog that cannot bark. But one may stammer with a broken speech, may be an ignorant fisherman like Peter and John, having never learned letters, yet filled with the Spirit, he can rebuke devils, tread on scorpions, heal the sick and bring men and women into the kingdom of God.

Luke 4:18, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel." This was after Christ had gone through a period of consecration with fasting and prayer, and they marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. 1 Cor. 2:4,5, "My preaching was not with enticing words of men's wisdom, but in demonstration of the SPIRIT and of POWER. That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." Barnabas was a good man, full of the HOLY GHOST, and MUCH PEOPLE were ADDED unto the Lord. For a better ministry, see the second chapter of Joel and read carefully.

VISION

The world has fallen into a deep sleep and the spirit of lethargy is gripping the people of God, blinding their minds that they cannot see afar off. Yes, we need VISION, but, remember, Jesus said without the SPIRIT you cannot SEE, John 3:3. Our natural EYE and ear cannot see nor hear the
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WHAT GOD HAS BEEN DOING

By LeROY CARVER

Dear Evangel Readers:

God has blessed me in such a great way since I left B. T. S. last May that I thought I must write to all you Evangel readers. I was with Brother Yow and the good people of Chattanooga last summer in the big tent campaign which you have already read of through the Evangel. I never shall forget those wonderful days. People were daily calling for Brother Yow to go pray for the sick. When he could not go, Brother Perkins and I would go, or Brother Jones and others.

In our visiting various homes we prayed for Sister McKinney. When we walked in her room I saw one of the sickest, frailest women I had ever seen. We did not ask any questions, but Brother Perkins read a few verses of Scripture and we anointed and prayed for her. God's power came down and filled the room almost immediately after we entered, therefore it was easy to pray for her. We left her in a few minutes shouting the victory.

A week later Brother Perkins, Brother Nathan Robinson, and I went back to see her and she was up doing some of her work. Her husband, who received a great blessing the first day we were there, told us of her condition. She had been in the hospital and bedfast for about eight months with a cancer. The cancer was so bad that they had two tubes in her side. A few days after we prayed for her the doctor, who had sent her home to die, X-rayed her again and could hardly find any cancer. In three weeks' time she had regained her strength so that she was waiting on a sick neighbor, besides doing her own work. I am glad God still heals people today.

I had intended to go to the University of Chattanooga, Cadek Conservatory, where I have studied for the last two summers, and continue my work on my degree, but for some reason God sent me to Kannapolis. The first week end I was here Rev. Tidwell preached, what the Kannapolis people think, the greatest sermon of his life. One was sanctified and a number blessed. The following Sunday, Rev. Childers preached a wonderful sermon. Two were saved and one received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. One week later we had one of the greatest services I have ever been

in. The power fell so in the song service that Brother Childers preached only a few minutes. Nine were saved and one sanctified, others left the church under conviction and were saved after they went home. The following week, six were saved by the daily radio program and two were saved in homes we visited.

Our Sunday morning services have been even greater than the Sunday night services. For about three consecutive Sundays the Sunday School march broke out into an old-time shouting camp meeting spirit, as we marched back into the main auditorium. As we entered into the eleven o'clock service Brother Childers took his text, then began to cry instead of preach. The entire congregation began to cry. For about thirty minutes it seemed that heaven kissed earth. We had this same kind of service for three Sundays. The first Sunday I was here Brother Tidwell preached. The second, third and fourth Sundays we had these wonderful services. But you talk about preaching, the fifth Sunday morning Brother Childers stepped into the pulpit a flame of fire, with the Sword in his hand. He turned to 1 Cor. 12th chapter, and with two brethren doing the reading for him, he began to preach with as great an anointing as I have ever witnessed. The following Sunday morning, after fasting and praying over another subject, Brother Childers tied on where he had left off the previous Sunday. The service closed with a healing service by Brother Childers. Many were gloriously healed.

The Ladies' Willing Workers' Band decided to raise one thousand dollars for missions this year. Checking up on their three weeks' drive last Sunday night, they found that they had raised their thousand for missions and had some two or three hundred for other projects.

Last month the tithes barely missed the fifteen hundred mark. The Sunday School is around five hundred. The highest has been five fifty-five. Thirty have been saved, a number sanctified, and eight have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I found a wonderful group of talent here in the Tilley Trio, Price Trio, Melody Three, and others; also Bobby Bost and Miss Margaret Deal, soloists.

The band is the best I have heard in the Church, under the direction of Brother Price.

Sunday night, November 7, we had a special service in behalf of the "War Relief Fund." Mr. Cannon, who is one of the richest men of the world, made a wonderful speech emphasizing the need of a more spiritual America. He made the statement that the combined forces of the Allies could not win this conflict without the help of God. His wife gave the Church of God the greatest boost and praised the Church of God higher than any one I have ever heard. She said she was going to write her son Charles, who is in the Service, of the wonderful service. He was a great admirer and a frequent visitor of the Church of God. The Cannon High School Boys' and Girls' Glee Club rendered some beautiful numbers at this special service. Brother Childers raised five hundred dollars for the War Relief Fund at the close of the service.

Brother Nathan Robinson, who is one of the outstanding bass singers of the South, moved to Kannapolis this week to work with us in our music and sing in our male quartet. We are expecting even greater things in the future.

God bless you is my prayer.—Yours for the Church, LeRoy Carver.

NEED A SOUL-STIRRING REVIVAL

SAMPSON, Ky.—I praise the Lord for full and free salvation and I am so glad I am a member of the great Church of God, that is founded on the Rock. Every one pray for our church here at Martins Fork, for we need a soul-stirring revival here. We are located about six miles from Sampson, Ky. Pray for me.—Fannie Scott.

What some people call liberty is permission to do as they please.

SPECIAL NATIONAL BROADCAST

Over KFJB, Marshalltown, Iowa, by Rev. J. L. Goins, overseer of Iowa, each Sunday morning from 1:00 to 2:00 a. m., Central Time. This is a test program at present and all who hear these programs and will write to Rev. J. L. Goins in care of the above station, it will greatly help him in continuing on the air, and will also be greatly appreciated.—Editor.

Our Aged Ministers

By B. S. PRESCOTT

Text: "He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant," Psa. 105:17.

There are three things which stir me and they are our orphans, missions, and aged ministers. Just these three classes are enough to keep every Christian busy providing for their welfare and interest. I appreciate the work of the Church of God towards this work. Indeed they are a project worthy of our attention, and since they are vessels of the Lord it is forever our duty to see that this work continues to go on, not just lagging behind but keeping it in the front that the world may see the life of our Savior in our mortal bodies and thus glorify the Author and Finisher of our faith.

As I sit here writing this and thinking about Psalms 105, my mind goes back to past Assemblies, to a certain day and a certain hour. I can still hear that special quartet singing or that piano solo being rendered as our aged ministers in single file march down the aisle of the auditorium to the rostrum. It is a grand sight to behold. How beautiful they are! Their silver hair shining—it is their glory. Yes, they are old and some are feeble; their faces aren't smooth as in days gone by—they are filled with wrinkles—and a happy smile, wrinkles because they've spent their lives on the battlefield for God and His Church, smiles because they are happy and full of God, happy because they can see the fruit of their labors and now the Cause they love is paying special attention and honoring them in its little way, not because they want honor and attention in this world, but they know that we appreciate what they have done for us.

Their physical strength is nearly gone, and you may ask, "Where can I see any beauty in these old men and women?" But I still say they are beautiful. Yes, both physically and spiritually. As I look on them I can see that God does beautify the meek with salvation. And in these lives you can see the salvation of the Lord. I can see in my imagination, as I scrutinize them, a long, winding road, up and down, over rugged rocks and

through narrow places. This is the road of life they have traveled. I can see that they still have that same sincere, sacrificing, enthusiastic spirit and love for God's cause as in past years. It is made manifest in their services.

God must be pleased with our reverence and honor to these dear, precious men and women who have suffered for the truth and righteousness' sake, for I can feel that sacred Spirit of God as it settles on us in those blessed services. Even now when we think about them and remember the work they have given, it brings tears of gratitude to our eyes.

Now, I fancy I can hear the old, old hymns sung as these weak voices join to praise God in song. Their voices are weak because they have been worn out for the Lord. Then they pray and give their sermonettes. It is something that thrills my very being as I sit and listen to them. Their earnest efforts never leave my mind. It is a picture stamped on my life never to be erased.

Youth is a wonderful thing. Everybody admires our youth and should do so, but we must not forget about these aged people who have fought the battle, kept the faith until we came to the knowledge of this wonderful Holy Ghost salvation, for it was they who brought it to us. Every boy and girl becomes very much excited and deeply touched when a hero is around. With admiration they stand admiring the hero. It is the same way with us towards these faithful ministers of God who have lived the life, blazed the trail for the Church of God and us. They are now heroes! The world may not count them as such but heaven does, and we do too. As youth admires heroes so we look upon and honor our aged ministers. I am a young man and a minister, but when I see these aged men and women and think about their courage and faith it inspires me to carry on and be faithful to stand at my post of duty. It makes me to have a desire to stand up for Jesus—and if I am faithful, some day I, too, can look over my past life of service to God and think with the Apostle Paul, "Despise not

thy youth." I won't despise my youth because it was dedicated to the Lord. Surely these ministers are glad that they have spent their lives for God.

In the Bible we notice that God has always sent a man ahead to prepare the way. God has never allowed His Word or work to come about in a haphazard way. However, many people have hurt the Cause because they didn't work in harmony with God. In all His dealings with the human family, the way has been prepared beforehand and always a man, chosen of the Lord, went before as a trail blazer.

Our text calls our attention to a man whom the Lord used in a special way to be a blessing to the children of Israel. Even in his boyhood days God gave him dreams concerning his future and thus he was prepared for his future work. After young Joseph's brothers hated him and sold him to strangers as a servant and his life was in danger many times, we see him as King Pharaoh placed him over the land of Egypt as a ruler to sell grain to the people during the seven years' famine in the land.

God saw the future for the children of Israel and "HE SENT A MAN BEFORE THEM, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant." All during those days of preparation God tried him until the time that His Word came to pass. He had a man for the occasion.

Another time I see a great feast in a certain land. The king desired his pretty wife to come out before the court to show her beauty and to make a fool out of herself to please his drunken, fleshly lust. She refused. His anger was so great that he put her away and asked that all the fair maidens of the court come before him that he might choose a new wife. A fair, young Jewess pleased him and later we see the hand of God in the whole thing. A wicked man named Haman deceived the king into making a decree that all the Jews of the land be destroyed. This Jewess girl played an important part in the history of that race. God takes care of His own. "HE SENT A MAN BEFORE THEM" (a woman in this case, He uses both men and women).

"He sent Moses his servant; and Aaron whom he had chosen. They shewed his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham. He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one fee-

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Foreign Missions

This page edited by Rev. M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.

ANOTHER ISLAND

(NOTE: St. Kitts is another new island for the Church of God, making five in the string of islands reaching from our work in British Guiana to the Dominican Republic—Barbados, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, Dominica, and now St. Kitts (St. Christopher). One more link will give us a complete chain and we have good prospects of an opening there.—M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.)

Haynes Smith Village
Basseterre, St. Kitts
December 3, 1943

I must beg to thank the Mission Board for responding to our call by sending Elder Winter to us. His presence has been a great help to us. We had been having wonderful meetings in Basseterre and at the tabernacle where we have had the privilege of seeing the altar filled with souls crying out to God. At last, God has visited us again.

We have had stirring messages from our superintendent and our hearts are filled with joy. We beg that the Mission Board and all believers at Cleveland, Tennessee, may lift up their hearts in prayer for us and that God may stir the hearts of His people toward the work in St. Kitts, which needs much consideration.

We need your prayers; pray, pray for us.—Rose Halstead.

Dear Church of God Family:

Your missionary has just returned from a missionary trip to the Island of St. Kitts, where I have had a very wonderful time. I have never seen hearts hungrier for God and His blessings than those it was my privilege to preach to in St. Kitts.

Pentecostal truth had been carried there about twenty-five years ago and several gatherings of believers had been organized, and two of them had been able to erect a place of worship. But for the last ten years no one has come to visit them. The brother who

was left in charge of the principal assembly in Basseterre, the capital, backslid and then he sold the church building, which was the sacrifices of about sixty people, and left the people to scatter. One dear sister has tried her best to keep the faithful ones together and praying that God again would send them help, which He did by my going to them.

We have rented a building in which to hold meetings for them, and organized two assemblies, one at Basseterre where Sister Rose Halstead is left in charge. She has been a real mother in Israel and kept the faithful ones together. We have also a nice group of believers ten miles out of the city. They erected a nice room ten years ago and have been struggling on, trying to get it paid for. They have not yet succeeded and now owe a balance of \$154.00 on it. They have also a faithful man as their shepherd, Brother W. Green.

So our mission family has had two more assemblies added to our Church's foreign mission work. This is surely a field white unto harvest. I was able to be there only seven days, but I made the best use of them I could and had the joy of seeing twenty-two seekers come to our altar seeking the blessing of sanctification and eighteen seeking salvation. I held eleven meetings in the seven days. The power of God was marvelously poured out upon hungry hearts.

Pray for your mission work in St. Kitts.—His and yours, seeking the lost, J. B. Winter, overseer, Barbados.

Barbados

The New Testament Church of God, Fritz Village, St. James, held their annual missionary meeting on Tuesday night, October 12, which proved a real blessing. This service was in the form of a program, with choir songs, band playing and speakers. We appreciated the presence of our beloved overseer, Bishop J. B. Winter, who re-

cently returned from British Guiana. He was the first speaker and gave a very short and encouraging address. He also introduced the chairman. Elder C. A. Lewis took the first part of the service and Bishop C. N. Ford read the lesson.

The chair was taken by Brigadier O. Dodds of the Salvation Army. We were wonderfully represented by the cooperation of the different other churches. There were fourteen speakers on the platform and seventeen churches. We praise and glorify God for the unity of the various dear ones.

The River Road and Fritz Village choirs sang, the band played congregational and special hymns and the speakers made short, sweet and spicy talks, thus a crowded place of about four hundred and over enjoyed sweet fellowship and a marvelous blessing. Folks said it was the best one they had ever enjoyed. We say, "Behold how good and how pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

The missionary offering was \$38.28.—I. D. Collymore.

Revival

ATLANTA, Ga.—Grant Park Church of God has just had a real Holy Ghost revival for three weeks through November, under the preaching of Brother Hoyt Odum.

Many of the saints were revived. As many as five people gave messages with interpretations and a whole sermon was preached with an altar call, all in tongues, with the interpretation. Four different preachers gave the message one night. Three nights the Holy Ghost took complete charge. Nineteen were saved, eight reclaimed, eleven baptized with the Holy Ghost, nine added to the church. A baptizing is to take place soon in the Hemphill Church of God when many will be baptized. I have enjoyed working with Sister Maude Largin, the faithful pastor of the new church, very much.—Sincerely, Evangelist Luella Curtis.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

The healing of my afflicted body, I am trusting God.—Mrs. J. R. Angley, Smyre Sta., Gastonia, N. C.

Me to be healed of a heart condition.—Mrs. J. W. Mock, 1713 Franklin St., Johnstown, Pa.

My mother to be completely healed.—Mrs. Velma James, Milo, Tenn.

God to undertake for me.—Mrs. Ward, Project City, Calif.

The Lord to save and heal me of T. B., which I have had almost three years.—Miss Katherine Stanley, 134½ E. Main St., Bowling Green, Ky.

The saving and keeping of my son who is somewhere overseas.—I. Hardenbrook, 1485 E. 14th St., Jacksonville, Fla.

The healing of my body of nervous spells and that I will gain an appetite; our pastor and wife; Brother J. T. Roberts and family who were in a car wreck.—Mrs. H. A. Chalk, 211 Maple St., Jackson 25, Miss.

The Lord to heal me of indigestion.—Renev Tipton, Twila, Ky.

The healing of my body and soul, I have T. B. of the lungs; the healing of Rainey Harmon and Leona Caldwell of T. B. of the lungs. Encouragement appreciated.—Doris Cutter, Annex III, State Sanatorium, Alto, Ga.

The Lord to heal me of high blood pressure, heart trouble and another serious ailment.—Minta Brown, Conaway, Va.

My husband to be healed of the flu and saved.—Mrs. J. A. Douglas, Rt. 2, Box 115, Jellico, Tenn.

My daughter, Mrs. Sam Ashcraft, to be saved and healed; my family.—Mrs. J. W. Skelton, Rt. 1, Crawfordville, Ark.

My father, mother and me.—Miss Burden, Box 228, Shreve, Ohio.

The Lord to heal my neck.—E. D. Taylor, Backshear, Ga.

The healing of my wife who is

seriously ill.—Carl G. Carder, 505 N. McCullough, Urbana, Ill.

The complete healing of my body.—A. L. Waters, Bristol, Tenn.

My healing, I have stomach trouble and my side hurts lots; my mother's health; my husband.—Mrs. Lee Roy Roberson, Rt. 1, Walland, Tenn.

My father, William Pennington, who is very ill with a cancer in his back.—Mrs. Robert Ours, Cabins, W. Va.

My hearing to be restored.—J. I. Morgan, 206 W. Maning St., N. Chattanooga, Tenn.

The healing of my body, I have heart trouble and other ailments.—Mrs. G. W. Vannoy, Rt. 1, Bethalto, Ill.

My boy who had a stroke when he was eight months and cannot talk.—Elder L. W. Williams, Rt. 2, Box 63, Vidalia, Ga.

The complete healing of my body.—Mrs. Eva M. Smith, 1853 Champlain St., Toledo, Ohio.

The healing of my body.—Vardaman Dyson, Darlove, Miss.

OUR GREATEST NEED

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things God has in store for us, "but God hath REVEALED them to us by His Spirit: for the SPIRIT searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God," 1 Cor. 2:9, 10. John had a great VISION through the Spirit. He looked all down through the ages, on past 1943, out into the Lord's day, Rev. 1:10 (not the Sabbath, not Sunday). He saw Jesus, talked with angels, heard words not lawful to be uttered in this world. He saw the Holy City coming down, streets of gold, gates of pearl. Oh! thou blessed Holy Ghost, come into our lives, come into our churches and give us a great reviving. On and on we go, but wherever we go, or whatever we do or say we NEED THE HOLY GHOST.

NEON, KENTUCKY, SUNDAY SCHOOL



Above is the Sunday School in Neon, Ky. There are one hundred ten in the group. What a time we are having! The great power of God comes down in waves; the Holy Ghost fire is burning; the saints of God shouting. Satan also comes in, but he doesn't get to stay very long; he can-

not stand this happy group. Rev. Jones Dixon, pastor, is first to right; he is teacher of the No. 2 class. Come on, Kentucky, or we will leave the rest of you far behind. Pray for us. When passing through, stop over, we will treat you good.—Jones Dixon, pastor; Mrs. Dovie Maltba, reporter.

News from the Field

Trusting God

TITUS, Ga. — I thank God this morning for healing me of epileptic fits. Bless His holy name. He healed me about thirteen years ago.

I thank God, too, for touching my crippled hand three times with His healing power. The first time He touched it was five years ago. A brother prayed for me at Gainesville, Ga., and praise God, He straightened my arm some and turned it some. Praise God! The next time He touched it with His healing power was about three years ago. I sent a handkerchief to the brother and sent a request to the Publishing House and God touched it. Praise God, He straightened it some and I could turn my hand half straight. I praise God for His healing. Glory to God. About two weeks ago there was a sister who said something about my hand and it touched my feeling and I came home and began to cry and pray. I said, "God, I wish I could have two hands a little before I die." Glory to God, He finished straightening my arm and touched my fingers some and I can turn my wrist over. Praise God. Persecutions always get me closer to God.

I promised God I would do what He bade me do if He would completely heal me. Please keep me on your prayer list all the time, for God promised me if I would obey Him He would completely heal me.

I am a member of the Mount Pleasant Church of God, have the full blessing. I have been a member for seven years. I mean to work for Him. I have been sending pamphlets to the soldiers which good people have sent me and have had good results from this. I praise God for His presence and am praying for God to bless His children.—Irene Shoope.

A Letter From India

Dear Christian Friends: I would like to take up just a little of your valuable time, that we might reason a few things together. I say valuable because I realize that our time is very valuable indeed, especially when in these days the world is rushing madly forward. The scripture says, "Re-

deeming the time, because the days are evil," Eph. 5:16.

But let us not forget that time spent in prayer and study before God is time redeemed. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Brother, when you or I get in such a hurry or our time is so valuable that we don't have time to wait before God, then it is high time we slowed down a bit. You know I like and often think of that old song "I Don't Want To Get Adjusted to This World." Beloved, let us not forget that we are the sons of God and that as such we are to live for Him.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might," Deut. 6:5.

Let us just stop and think for a few minutes. I'm sure that if we would take heed to the scripture that says, "Come, let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as wool; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as white as snow," that many times we would do better or save much worry and suffering. Brother, if you are having trouble, try that one and see how you come out. God says, "Be still and know that I am God." Why worry and work and fret until your hair turns gray, when God is still on the throne? His Word says, "Casting all your cares upon him, for he careth for you." "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Thank God, we who belong to Him can have peace of heart that the devil cannot destroy, so long as we are willing and obedient. There is victory in Him over all opposition. No exceptions. Oh, for grace and faith to go forth in His power. If you have no time to pray, then you need not look for God's blessings. You can pray while working. Oh, that we might be established in Him so that the surrounding conditions might not be able to change our purpose; that all the members of our body might be controlled by Him and not by selfishness and lust; that we might control our thoughts instead of our thoughts controlling us. After all, what do we expect, a bed of roses or a haven of rest? The Word says, "All they that would

live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." "In this world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." Let us remember that this world is not our home but that we are here as missionaries or ambassadors for Christ. Therefore, let us live soberly and godly and be about our Master's business. You remember that He said He would come back to get those that are His. Let us be faithful stewards. "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

I remember a little song that Rev. J. H. Brooks used to sing, "Whatever comes, whatever goes, Oh let it come oh let it go, With victory I'll sing the song, I won't be here very long." Don't forget we are missionaries in this world, and don't become too entangled with this foreign land, for when the Master calls we want to go home.—Yours in Christ, T/4 Bernard Thornton. (Not permissible to print complete address.)

Glorious Two-Day Meeting

We have just had and truly enjoyed a glorious two-day meeting with Rev. Ray T. Hill, our new and first state overseer for the State of Idaho alone. It almost seems to me as if he were sent to us right from heaven. Truly, under his able leadership as state overseer, the Church of God in Idaho is going to move forward as it is doing so well already.

We surely feasted on the Word that he preached at the ministers' meeting and also here in Stites. The preceding month of October has been the best month financially in the life of the church in Stites, and also very good spiritually. The blessing of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost is certainly present in our midst, for which we truly thank the Lord. We are looking for Brother Hill to be with us again before long, with some more of that good Word.—B. F. Sherbohn, pastor, Box 157, Stites, Idaho.

THICKET, Texas — A two weeks' revival just closed tonight, with Rev. C. M. Taylor, evangelist, doing the preaching. Six souls were saved, five sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and one added to the church. Brother Taylor brought a wonderful message each night and the saints felt a mighty outpouring of the Spirit.—Z. E. Shaw, clerk.

Saskatchewan Church of God Bible Training School and Church News

MOOSE JAW, Sask, Can.—Greetings, Evangel readers everywhere. God is blessing the Church in abundant measures in this far north country.

First of all I want to say that the Bible School, which has been in session four weeks now, is progressing very nicely. This school had a grand opening with a revival commencing on the opening date of the school. The heart-searching, soul-stirring, Holy-Ghost-inspired messages by Rev. G. C. Pettyjohn, of North Portal, Sask., brought about a genuine revival atmosphere, with the result of two saved, three filled with the Holy Ghost and two re-filled, and saints strengthened and encouraged. A water baptismal service was held with nine observing this ordinance. One young man, a Bible School student here, was saved on the opening date of the revival and began tarrying for the baptism of the Holy Ghost; he came out of the water speaking as the Spirit gave the utterance.

The rapid pace with which the Church of God is progressing in this far north country is remarkable, and ere long will cause you good people of the South and East to cast your eyes toward the Arctic Circle on your maps and behold the spreading of this FIRE as the full gospel is carried out into new fields. The untiring efforts and capable management of our provincial overseer, Rev. Wm. Pospisil, together with the cooperation of ministry and laity, surely are worthy of commendation for their spirit of progressiveness.

Just a little over a year ago the Church of God was prominent in only a comparatively few places in southern Saskatchewan, and the Bible School was held in a small town. Now the Bible School is located in this nice city of over 30,000 population. The school is conducted in a large modern building, purchased by the Church of God, and is going full force now, with great and greater prospects from now on.

Then last but not least is the "Church of God on the Air" program so capably conducted by Rev. M. G. McLuhan with three one-fourth-hour programs during each week and a one-half-hour program each Sunday, so that now the Church of God has a listening audience of between 50,000 and 60,000. This program has received letters from well over 300 towns and

cities in Saskatchewan, besides the many letters from North and South Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming, and Provinces of Alberta and Manitoba, with more calls coming in for revival services than can be taken care of.—C. P. Savchenko.

All Working Together

CHOKOLOSKEE, Fla.—I praise the Lord for our L. W. W. B. How He is blessing us in our work! Our band here is always ready to put any kind of work over for our Lord. In the first week of November we raised \$49.25. We give God the glory for this. We are working for His cause. We make quilts and sell them, also sell ice cream and hamburgers. The Lord set His approval on our L. W. W. B. when it was organized. Sister C. W. Cole is the one who started this work. I thank the Lord for the times we had in working with Brother and Sister Cole; she is a wonderful worker for God. I also thank the Lord for the two years we had Brother and Sister L. H. Alford with us; they carried on the good work too.

We have a wonderful pastor, Brother Claud Stokes, and his wife. We are all working together. They knew just how to get in the harness. Pray for us, that we will have an outpouring of the Holy Ghost in our revival when it starts.—Mable Lopez.

Gaining Under Adverse Circumstances

DENVER, Colo.—Greetings from the Church of God in Denver. Just one week ago we attended a meeting for our ministers at Pueblo, with our Brother Biggs, our new state overseer, who is a real interesting man, in charge. He was an inspiration to us. The meeting, too, was very helpful.

We wish to announce to soldiers or friends recently coming to Denver, that we are here to serve and we welcome them. Our address is 846 Santa Fe Drive, Telephone, Cherry 0522; minister's name, Rev. J. B. Knifton. Our church in Denver is growing under what seems to be adverse circumstances. We have had souls saved, new members added to the church, unusual healings, backsliders reclaimed, and a general new interest in our work, including a new Y.P.E.

We earnestly solicit the prayers of all the Church of God that we may have a real Church of God here in Denver with a permanent building, a permanent religion and a permanent welcome to all who wish to sincerely

worship God.—Church clerk, Mrs. G. W. Nichols, 924 Kalamath.

Experienced a Glorious Day

WAKE FOREST, N. C.—We Church of God people of Wake Forest church feel honored by the Lord giving us again this year our good pastor, Rev. J. C. Leonard. In starting his new year here Brother Leonard, the church, Y.P.E., Sunday School and L.W.W.B. have already paid for improvements on the parsonage in the amount of approximately \$400. This church experienced a glorious day in the Lord Sunday, Oct. 31, 1943. Brother C. H. Dean delivered a soul-inspiring message at the morning service. Brother I. H. Hinton delivered a good sermon in the evening service. More blessings are expected. You are always welcome to come worship God with us.—Willie C. Crowder, Rt. 3.

New Work Being Blessed

OAKLEY, Calif.—We praise the Lord for the way He is blessing in our new work, which is located south of Oakley on No. 4 about one and one-half miles. We came out here from Oklahoma in September to work in this part of God's vineyard and we are happy to say we have the church set in order with fourteen members at present, others to be transferred. Last Sunday, November 7, we had forty-nine in Sunday School. We surely have a few faithful prayer warriors here and loyal tithers also. We are looking forward to a great work here, for we believe "we can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us." We are working on our building and will soon have it convenient for services.

We were happy for Sister Mary Pierce, of Ravia, Okla., to come up and lend us a helping hand in the revival. One was saved, one sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and two baptized in water. We were also glad for another Church of God minister and his family who are moving here who will certainly be a blessing in helping put the work over for God and His cause—Brother Joe Atchley, who came out here as we did, but located in another vicinity, but God caused him to see he was needed here.

We covet all of you dear Evangel readers' prayers that we will be a blessing to God's cause and that He will use us to His glory.—Calvin Rogers, pastor, Brentwood, Calif.

OUR AGED MINISTERS

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ble person among their tribes. Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them. He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night. The people asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven. He opened the rock, and waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places like a river. For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant. And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness," Psa. 105:26, 27, 37-43. Moses and Aaron were sent before them to lead them from Pharaoh's cruel hand. He went before Pharaoh with God's demand to let the people go; he was God's man preparing the way for the deliverance of the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage. "AND HE SENT A MAN BEFORE THEM."

Again in God's Word we hear a man preaching—a peculiar fellow, clothed in camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins. The people flocked out to see and to hear this preacher. He told them that he was "the voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." He was another man sent before them, even John, the baptizer, as the prophets said, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee." Mal. 3:1; Matt. 3:1-3; Mark 1:2; Luke 3:4; John 1:23. Then we hear Jesus, the Son of God, saying to His disciples, "Upon this rock I will build my church." And afterwards, on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Ghost fell upon the one hundred and twenty, Peter's great sermon on the subject of "This Is That" touched that great throng of people who had come to see what was going on and it brought conviction and repentance to three thousand souls. "AND HE SENT A MAN BEFORE THEM."

On down through the ages as men and women were chosen as vessels unto the Lord and to make up the characters in the New Testament, even the Apostle Paul to whom "the mystery of God" was revealed, and all the reformers during the reformation in the eighteenth century, we can see that God was sending both men and women out for His work. These people are great characters in history, but we must remember that we have

several people in our midst who are worthy of attention and respect. It is even these white-headed servants of the Church whom we look upon as our aged ministers.

Look at the Church of God today. See the progress she is making. We are made to exclaim with Solomon, "Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?" It is an undeniable fact that the Church is spreading out and reaching new fields. It's wonderful to see God's Spirit moving our people with a missionary spirit—that is the spirit of Jesus, "Go ye into all the world!" The apostles did that and these pioneers started this work and now the sun never goes down on the Church of God!

In all these scriptures the fact is made known that God sent a man before. These are only a few instances, but they are enough proof to show us that God did and does now have leaders to go before the people, that we might "observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the Lord," Psa. 105:45. Isn't it so with our aged ministers? They were sent before us to blaze the trail, old pioneers who have given their lives for the Church we love today. Praise God for noble men and women.

Young Joseph was sold for a servant. These men and women whom we look on every year at the Assembly gave themselves as servants to the Master. Some of them gave up all for the mission work. Others for another department of the Church. The way was hard and rugged in those early days, but they kept on. Some have gone to be with Jesus and some are old and feeble and can't be on the field any more. We have several with us yet and we do appreciate having them.

I understand that Brother and Sister W. F. Bryant, of Cleveland, Tenn., were among that twenty-one who attended the first Assembly! What an honor to be among the first and still be living! What an honor to us to have them in our midst to tell us the story of the Church's growth. I appreciate our aged ministers and feel like crying, "Hats off!" and why not? America does that to her soldier boys and why shouldn't we, the Church of God, pay tribute to these soldiers of the cross?

May we look up to our aged minis-

ters and care for them—they cared for us in our infancy—our mothers and fathers in the gospel! And now we are responsible for their welfare and comfort in their old age.

By way of suggestion it would be nice if we at the Assembly would always stand to our feet when these aged ministers march to the rostrum for their program. It would make them see our actions in their presence and, too, would be like giving them the roses while they are living. May we never forget to raise our aged ministers' quota each year, which is only ten cents per member. That is very little for us to be asked to pay yearly, and if someone fails to be loyal to this worthy cause, just think, it may cause these soldiers of the Church to come short of the comforts of life.

Our respect towards them will bring God's approval on our lives because **HE SENT A MAN BEFORE US, EVEN THESE AGED MINISTERS, WHO GAVE UP ALL TO BE HIS SERVANTS**, to hazard their lives for God and the Church of God! May God ever bless them is my sincere prayer.

May He bless these few loaves and fishes to the readers and cause it to bring forth fruit to His glory and to the benefit of **OUR AGED MINISTERS**.

YOUR BEDFELLOW

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and wept bitterly."

Luke 15:17-19, When the prodigal son came to himself he confessed and said, "How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants."

Not only did he confess, but he arose and went home.

1 John 3:20, 21, "For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God."

Glory to God! Brother, we can have a conscience void of offence, pure and undefiled, and *sleep like new-born babies*.

It would pay in the long run if we would jump right out of bed when the alarm clock rings the first time.

A MESSAGE TO THE MINISTRY

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then those things are added. The minister is referred to in the Bible as a **FLAME OF FIRE**. Heb. 1:7. He is not to speak with wisdom of words altogether, but in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power. 1 Cor. 2:4. You do not need to add the power by kicking your cup over, but get it from above and your cup will run over. Be sure your message is ordered of the Lord, filled with the Spirit and set on fire by the Holy Ghost. Pray until you feel the message in your soul, then others will feel it and you will know what they feel. When you get the victory over your message you are then ready to loose it upon the hearts of others as a coal of fire. A message as cold as twelve tons of ice and as dead as fourteen graveyards and as dry as powder isn't fit for church members to listen to; it will give them the dry-ups and it is very hard to cure once they get it. No church will rise above the spirituality of the life of the pastor. However, in some cases a few live-wire members with the victory can keep the church warm against the cold blows of the pastor. Some ministers preach too high for the members to reach. They cannot comprehend such preaching. Preaching on subjects you do not thoroughly understand will be a high one. Others preach too low and some too slow.

THE PASTOR AND HIS FLOCK

The pastor is to have the oversight of his flock. Having the oversight of the flock of God is a great honor vested in the human family. There is a difference in having the oversight and feeding the flock. Some have the oversight and the flock never know when to expect feed from the shepherd. There is also a difference in feeding and receiving milk of the flock. "Who feedeth a flock and eateth not of the milk of the flock?" 1 Cor. 9:7. Some seem to know only how to milk the flock and get the wool. If they were fed better, they would have more milk and wool. The Holy Ghost made us overseers to **FEED** the Church of God and, believe me, it needs feeding. We have given it plenty of milking and shearing, now let's feed it that we may have healthy sheep. A pastor should never throw stones at his sheep. It is true that a goat gets in some time in sheep's clothing, but every time you prepare a message to knock his horns off you kill a sheep.

Feed your sheep and let the old goat go, he will soon butt out and get the victory or die of spiritual indigestion as he can not eat sheep food nor can your flock eat goat food. So it would be better to let the goat die than to kill your entire flock. Throwing spit balls or chewing the rag at him keeps him fat. One minister said he was called to skin sheep and kill goats. Most anyone can kill sheep, a wolf can do that good, but it takes a good shepherd to keep them well fed and rescue the perishing lambs. There is a contrast in "**HE THAT FEEDETH THE FLOCK**" and "**HE THAT KILL-ETH THE FLOCK**." Feed your people on your troubles, God knows we pastors have plenty of them, and they will feed you on the same.

CONCLUSION: The great need of the Church of today is a world-wide revival, and that must begin in the pulpit. The cry is, "Our pastor is so dry and formal." That means, "having the outward form without the inward reality." Let me tell you something, ministers, we need a new touch of that Pentecostal fire in our messages. God help us dry and rusty preachers to get the vision of the need of the Church. Some say we are in a more modern age. That is true, but Jesus is the same, yesterday, today, and for ever. You as a minister know what the Bible says about men having a form of godliness and denying the **POWER THEREOF: FROM SUCH TURN AWAY**. That would include you and me. The Church will never have that old-time revival fire and conviction of the Holy Ghost upon the hearts of sinners until we turn loose and let God have His way with His Church. Upon this fundamental basis the Church of God made its greatest spiritual progress. We have the best ministers the world affords, full of love and hospitality. They have made great sacrifices for the gospel cause and will make even greater sacrifices for the Church of God. God help, especially me, to be a greater minister and have a fervent message for the Church and this lost and judgment-bound generation.

NOTES FROM MY LETTERS

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I am told that at our state convention six years ago Georgia had a little over \$1,200 when they had the great hog-killing with which you are familiar. You will notice that we have gotten out of the tabernacle business

and gone to building brick churches and veneering a lot of our old ones.

Has the above financial progress hindered our spirituality? No! It is a common thing to hear a pastor report two, three, four, and five saved in a Sunday night service. In one meeting closing out this week already twenty-eight have received the Holy Ghost. Brother Hillis reports that ten were saved last Sunday night in a new field meeting on the Swainsboro district. The spiritual tide is running high.—A. V. Beaubé, overseer of Georgia.

I just had to write and tell you that God has been so gracious to us, we have received thirty-one members into the church here since the General Assembly, and there are still others who will soon come in. This makes a total, out of the 140 members that we now have, of 53 that have come into the church since we came here. Since God has so wondrously blessed us in the financial line in that over \$5,000 has been lifted from against the church since we came here and over \$2,000 cash improvements, I was really concerned about receiving more members into the church. This, with the many that are being saved, really makes me happy; and I know the end is not yet.—Edwin M. Mortenson, pastor, Columbia, South Carolina.

Church of God Radio Program, Columbia, S. C., Has Great Audience

(The following paragraph is taken from a magazine published by WCOS, Listen, December issue.)

The tremendous pulling power of WCOS, as well as the loyalty of its audience, was well demonstrated recently. On the Church of God program, conducted by Reverend Mortenson, Sunday mornings, 8:30 to 9:00 a. m., a free religious calendar was offered for every written request. Reverend Mortenson anticipated a large number of requests, but was simply overwhelmed by the flood of letters and post cards that came in asking for the calendars. In fact, it was necessary for him to reorder several times from the printer. A breakdown on the mail showed that it came from nearly half of the counties in South Carolina. That's pulling power with 250 watts!

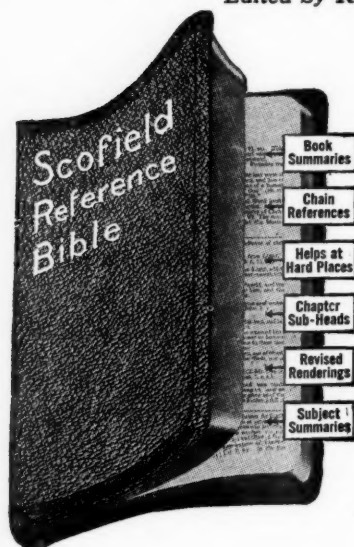
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